

WI-92
Bolton
Whitehaven
Private

c. 1740-1760

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The land on which this house is located was originally patented as "Noble Quarter" in 1663, property held under the ownership of Nicholas Rice. The Wicomico River plantation was involved in a resurvey of the land in 1676, known as "Might Have Had More," a name which passed down with the property until the mid-nineteenth century when the farm was renamed "Bolton."

In the 1798 Federal Direct Tax Assessment the house is listed under the ownership of George Robertson, Esquire, who had purchased the old plantation formerly owned by Levin Gale in January 1798. Latter that year the Federal tax assessors found:

Situated on Wicomico River a small distance below the Lower Ferry a Dwelling house of Brick 40 by 20 feet with an ell of wood 30 by 18 feet all one story Hep't roof finished in good order and good repair, with ten windows 67 Ins. by 38 Ins. eleven ditto 54 Ins. by 28 Ins. Cook house 20 by 20 feet of wood with two windows 55 Ins.

by 28 Ins. milk house 14 by 14 feet, Meat house saw'd logs 16 by 16 feet erected on 80 perches of land and the whole valued at \$1200.

At his death in 1829 George Robertson passed his plantation he called "Might Have Had More" to his daughter Sarah Anne Waters Dennis. The Wicomico River plantation remained in Dennis family hands until the mid-nineteenth century when it was sold by Sarah Anne W. Dennis's son George R. Dennis of Frederick County to George Price. George Price was dead within a few years and the farm was involved in a court settlement and ultimately sold in 1859 to Joseph E. Lynch. Twenty years later, in 1879, Elizabeth A. G. Catlin purchased the farm then known as "Bolton," and the land remained in Catlin hands until after her death. In 1918 the river farm was purchased by Louise R. Robertson, who owned the property until 1950. After the 1948 fire the house and 63 river-front acres were purchased by C. T. Underwood of New Canaan, Connecticut. The current owners acquired Bolton in 1986.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: BOLTON

MHT Inventory Number: WI-92

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
RURAL AGRARIAN INTENSIFICATION
1680-1815
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling
Pyramidal roofed dairy

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-92

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic BOLTON

and/or common

2. Location

street & number End of shell lane off Whitehaven Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Whitehaven ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Gene Russell

street & number 2750 Whitehaven Road telephone no.:

city, town Whitehaven state and zip code MD 21856

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1069 Map 65

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 404 P. 100

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Bolton is located on the west side of the village of Whitehaven, entered by a winding shell lane that intersects Whitehaven Road in Wicomico County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half, gambrel-roofed brick house faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1740-60, the story-and-a-half, three-bay Flemish bond brick house is covered by a asbestos shingled gambrel roof. The brick house burned in 1948 and was restored during the 1950s and 1960s. Attached to the back of the mid-eighteenth century brick house is a stepped dining room and kitchen wing. Also standing on the property is an unusual pyramidal-roofed frame dairy dating from the third quarter of the eighteenth century.

The south (main) facade of the house is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with a center door and flanking eight-over-eight sash windows framed by paneled shutters. The Flemish bond brickwork boasts a glazed checkerboard pattern above a low stepped watertable. A distinct vertical seam in the wall to the left of the door indicates the former position of the window, which was relocated during the nineteenth century. At the top of the brick seam there are two bricks with diagonally cut ends indicating the former presence of segmental arches over the window and door openings. Three gabled dormers light the second floor.

The east end of the gambrel-roofed house displays glazed brickwork as well, although a large portion of the wall was rebuilt following the 1948 fire. Rising through the end of the house is an interior brick chimney. The west end, on the other hand, is mostly covered with stucco that is scored to imitate ashlar construction. A portion of the stucco has flaked off on the southwest corner to reveal the glazed brickwork.

The interior of the brick house, following a hall/parlor plan, is fitted with restoration woodwork. An open string stair rises against the off-center partition.

The frame dairy that stands northwest of the house is one of the oldest and best preserved eighteenth century outbuildings on the lower Shore. Sheathed with horizontal shiplap siding, the squarish dairy is covered by a steeply pitched pyramidal roof covered with wood shingles. An off-center beaded board door pierces the east wall along with a rectangular louvered vent. Louvered vents pierce the other three walls as well. Most distinctive and unusual to this structure are the chamfered corner posts with lambs-tongue stops and the beaded edge tie beams and studs. This level of decorative structural finish in an outbuilding is rare and survives without known parallel on the lower Eastern Shore.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Due to the rarity of the dairy and the importance of the Flemish bond glazed checkerboard brickwork, this property deserves listing in Category A, which identifies structures that of high historic significance and which exhibit many good architectural details representative of a period of architectural development and which contribute uniquely and superlatively to the character of the historic district.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting		Northing						

B

Zone	Easting		Northing						

C

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D

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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BOLTON
Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

1069/404 Duncan C. Augustine
 Betty D. Augustine

to

6/26/1986 Gene C. Russell
 Patricia A. Russell
 5.49 acres

AJS 830/820 Thomas L. Lilly
 Charlotte K. Lilly

to

12/6/1974 Duncan C. Augustine
 Betty D. Augustine
 5.49 acres

JWTS 780/163 Gladys M. Underwood, et al. Personal Rep.
of Charles Thomas Underwood

to

12/29/1972 Thomas L. Lilly
 Charlotte K. Lilly

JWTS 317/582 Louise R. Robertson
 Hilton W. Robertson

to

6/5/1950 C. T. Underwood of New Canaan, Connecticut
63½ acres "Catlin Home Property"

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Chain of title continued

IDT 166/344

Harry Robertson

to

7/2/1927

Louise R. Robertson

63½ acres

JCK 109/520

L. Atwood Bennett

James E. Ellegood, Trustees

to

12/11/1918

Louise R. Robertson

Decree of Circuit Court dated 27 February 1917
Thomas A. Melson and Ella A. Melson,
complainants and William J. Catlin, et al.
defendants

"Catlin Home Property"

SPT 3/285

Walter A. Billingham

Amanda M. Billingham

to

9/27/1879

Elizabeth A. G. Catlin

"Bolton" the same being the farm whereon we
the said Walter and Amanda do now reside and
all of the same which was conveyed to Amanda
M. Yelloly by Price J. Patton and wife
Margaret...

TF, Jr. 1/73

Price J. Patton

Margaret R. Patton, Philadelphia

to

2/13/1868

Amanda M. Yelloly, wife of Gloster T. Yelloly
"Bolton" or "Might Have Had More"

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BOLTON

Whitehaven, Wicomico County, Maryland

Chain of title continued

TF, Jr. 1/1

Samuel N. Ware

to

11/5/1867

Price J. Patton

\$10,000.00

Somerset County

Land Record

LW 10/364

John W. Crisfield

Charles T. Marshall

to

4/6/1867

Samuel N. Ware

87 7/8 acres next to river "Bolton"

Joseph E. Lynch

to

John W. Crisfield

Somerset Co. Land Rec.

LW 6/53

John W. Crisfield, Executor of George Price

to

2/8/1859

Joseph E. Lynch

\$8,500.00

whereon the said George Price at the time of the making of the said will lived, lying, and being in Somerset County it being the same tract or parcel of land which George Robertson by his will dated 17 October 1829 devised to his daughter Sarah Anne Waters Dennis in fee as by reference to said will more fully will appear.

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Somerset County
Land Record
LW 10/318

George R. Dennis of Frederick County

to

2/20/1867

John W. Crisfield
Whereas the said George R. Dennis on or
about the 23rd day of February 1855 sold to
George Price deceased all that farm in
Somerset County called Bolton which was
devised by George Robertson to his daughter
Sarah who was the wife of Littleton U.
Dennis and the mother of George R. Dennis

Somerset County
Will Book
JP 4/163

Last will and testament of George Robertson

Written
10/17/1829
Proved
11/17/1829

I give & bequeath to my daughter Sarah Anne
Waters Dennis and to her heirs and assigns
forever the plantation whereon I now live
known by the name of Might Have Had More

Somerset County
Land Record
S/53

Ichabod Dashiell Thomas Jones
Priscilla Dashiell and Anne Dashiell Jones

to

9/21/1807

George Robertson

£2,287.10.0 north side of Wicomico, near
Lower ferry, which said lands
John Evans (of Nicholas) died
sized, resurveyed as "Wood
Vine Lot" Priscilla and Anne
being the daughters of John Evans

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Somerset County
Land Record
G/338

Leah Wilson

to

8/2/1806

George Robertson

Whereas Levin Gale late of Somerset County
deceased brother of said Leah Wilson by
certain obligation was bound to George
Robertson in the penalty of £600

10 acres "Might Have Had More"

Somerset County
Land Record
L/131

Shiles Crockett

to

1/6/1798

George Robertson

£550.0.0 all that tract or parcel of land
situate and lying on the north side
of the Wicomico River in Somerset
County it being all that parcel of
land which was conveyed by George
Gale to John Crockett and conveyed
by said John Crockett to Shiles
Crockett

110 acres "Might Have Had More"

Somerset County
Land Record
K/471

John Crockett

to

9/13/1796

Shiles Crockett
£500.

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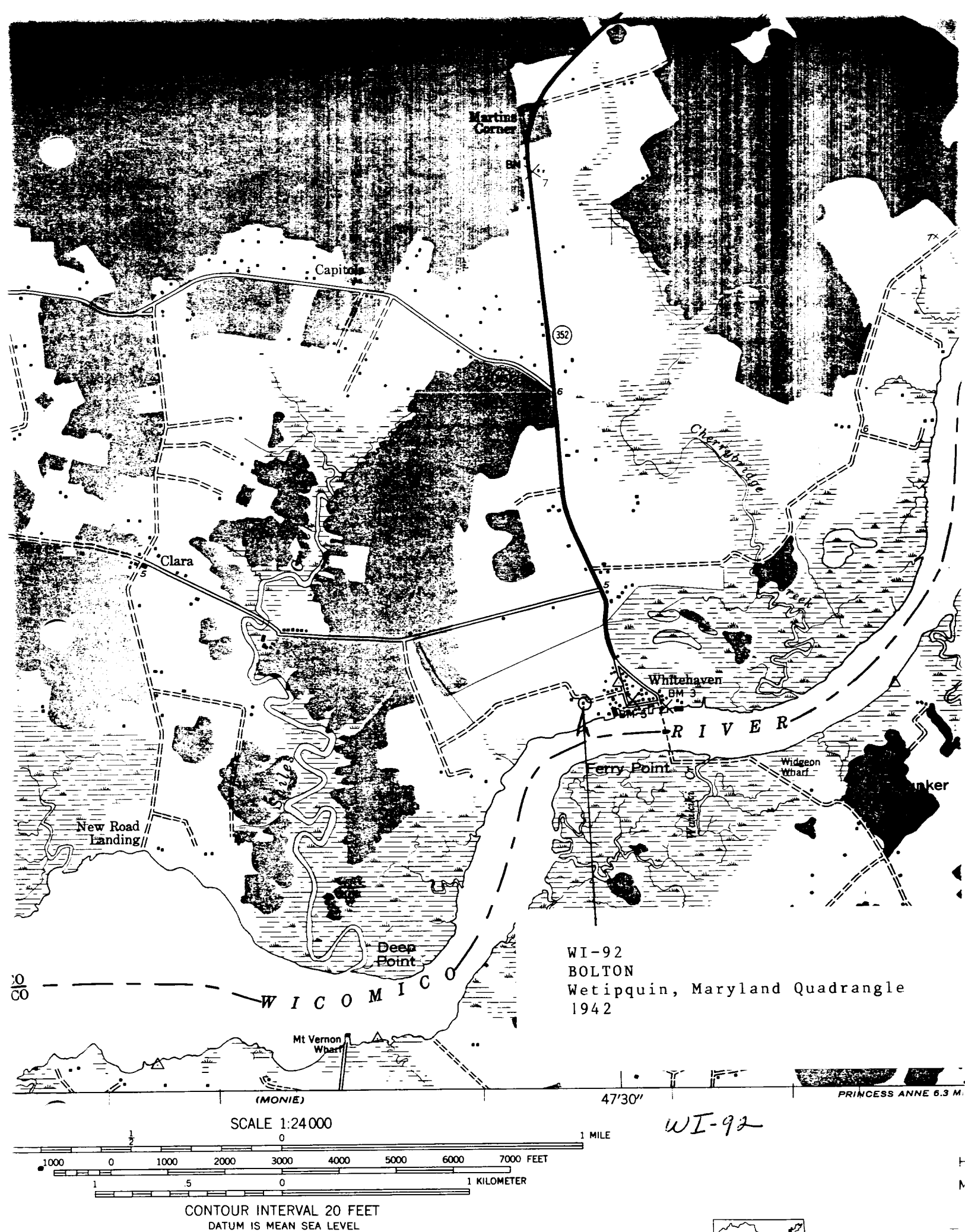
Somerset County
Land Record
K/470

George Gale, Town of Baltimore

to

9/13/1796

John Crockett
"Might Have Had More" £500 on which said
John Crockett now lives, which said
being a part of the real estate of Levin
Gale, late of Somerset County, deceased
and was allotted to said George Gale
by commissioners





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BOLTON

Wm. H. Bolton, Victoria, B.C., 1904

Jan 10 1904

9/04, Pm. 1904, Pm. 1904

Nov. 1904 1904



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Bolton

Whitewater, Wm. & P. Co., MD.

South River Road

9/74, P. & P. Co.

Pro - 1000

North River Road

Pro - 1000





